

CAPSULE SUMMARY
10700 Old Indian Head Road (PG: 86A-30)
Prince George's County

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1. Name of Property

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historic name _____

common/other name _____

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2. Location

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street & number 10700 Old Indian Head Road not for publication _____

city or town Upper Marlboro vicinity _____ state Maryland code MD

county Prince George's County code 33 zip code 20772

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3. State/Federal Agency Certification N/A

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4. National Park Service Certification N/A

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5. Classification

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Ownership of Property (Check all that apply)

- ☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

- ☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing Noncontributing

<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>	buildings
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<u>6</u>	<u>0</u>	Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes _____ Name of Listing _____

No X

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6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single Dwelling

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: DOMESTIC Sub: Single Dwelling

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Vernacular

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

Foundation Solid: Parged Concrete
Roof Gable: Pressed Metal Shingle
Walls Wood Frame: Aluminum Siding
other _____

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

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8. Statement of Significance
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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- ☐ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- ☐ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ B removed from its original location.
- ☐ C a birthplace or a grave.
- ☐ D a cemetery.
- ☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ F a commemorative property.
- ☐ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Agriculture

Period of Significance 1890-1950

Significant Dates c. 1890

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation Undefined

Architect/Builder Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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(Cite the books, articles, legal records, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

Carley, Rachel. *The Visual Dictionary of American Domestic Architecture*. New York, NY: Henry Holt and Company, 1994.

Charles County Land and Will Records. Charles County Courthouse and the Maryland State Archives, Annapolis, Maryland.

McAlester, Virginia and Lee. *A Field Guide to American Houses*. New York, NY: Alfred A. Knopf, 1985.

Rivoire, J. Richard. *Homeplaces: Traditional Domestic Architecture of Charles County, Maryland*. Crownsville, MD: Maryland Historical Trust, 1990.

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10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of Property 1 acre

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)

The property at 10700 Old Indian Head Road is designated as Parcel 40, Grid D3 as indicated on Map 127.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)

The building at 10700 Old Indian Head Road has historically been associated with Parcel 40 since its construction circa 1890.

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11. Form Prepared By

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12. Property Owner

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name Joseph O. and Monica E. Harley
street & number 10700 Old Indian Head Road telephone _____
city or town Upper Marlboro state MD zip code 20772

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The house at 10700 Old Indian Head Road is located on a gently sloping farmstead with pastures and fields, mature trees, and a paved driveway. Built around 1890, this vernacular farmhouse is two stories high and three bays wide. The original portion of the house has an L-shaped plan with a projecting bay on the front elevation; a large addition has been built across the back. The house rests upon a parged concrete foundation, and the wood frame walls are clad with aluminum siding. A one-story, enclosed porch extends across two bays of the façade. A cross gable, pressed-metal shingle roof covers the building. Two central interior brick chimneys with corbeled caps articulate the roofline.

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION:

The façade, or west elevation of the building, is three bays wide, with a projecting bay on the far right side. The two-bay-wide wood frame porch is located to the right of the projecting bay, and features an asphalt shingle, shed roof. This porch has been enclosed with weatherboard siding, and features four 3-light awning windows and a single-leaf paneled wood door. A 1-light sidelight is to the left of the door. A 2/2 wood window is located on the projecting bay on the first story level, and another one is directly above, on the second story. Two 2/2 wood windows are located above the porch, on the second story.

The south elevation features three sets of awning windows on the side of the enclosed front porch. The original portion of the house has a 2/2 wood window at the first and second story levels.

The large rear addition features a single-leaf 1-light wood door at basement level, and a 6/6 metal window at the first story level.

The rear, or east, elevation is dominated by the large one-story, three-bay wide rear addition, which extends across the entire back side of the house. This addition features a pier foundation, vinyl siding, and a gable, asphalt shingle roof. A single-leaf door with a metal storm door and security bars is located in the center bay.

The first and third bays each contain two paired 6/6 aluminum windows. At the second story level on the original portion of the house, are two 2/2 wood windows.

The north elevation of the house, at the first story level, features three 2/2 wood windows, and a 6/6 aluminum window on the rear addition. To the immediate left of this window is an exterior

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end concrete block chimney flue.

SUPPORTING BUILDINGS:

Supporting buildings consist of three wood frame barns, a wood post carport, and a concrete block shed. The barns date from approximately 1900, are one story tall, and have shed roof additions. Two of the barns are located in the field east of the house; a third is directly behind the house, next to the paved parking area. The three barns feature vertical board siding, and gable, corrugated sheet metal roofs.

The carport is located behind the house, and was built in the 1920s. One-story high and three bays wide, it is supported by wood posts, and covered with a side gable, corrugated sheet metal roof with exposed rafter ends.

A concrete block shed was built between the house and the carport during the 1940s. One story tall and one bay wide, it features a single-leaf vertical board door, and a front gable, asphalt shingle roof.

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A common 19th-century vernacular house type across the mid-Atlantic region, the I-house was one room deep, two stories tall, and three or five bays wide, with a central entry. I-houses usually had a porch on the front elevation and a kitchen wing in the rear, due to the narrowness of the main core. On the interior, a central passage separated the two rooms on the first floor, while the second floor contained either two or four bedchambers. During the mid- and late-19th century, pre-cut ornamental detailing was commonly added to the traditional I-house. Many I-houses, like this one, were either built with a forward-projecting bay on the façade, or had them added.

Following the Civil War, railroads made the greatest impact upon community development, particularly the completion of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad's (B & P) main line from Bowie in Prince George's County to Pope's Creek in Charles County in 1872. Small towns grew when they became regular stops on the B & P line, and developed as service centers for the surrounding rural areas. During the last three decades of the 19th century, the population of Prince George's County grew slowly.

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National Register Evaluation:

The building at 10700 Old Indian Head Road is not eligible due to the fact that it does not meet National Register Criteria A, B, C, or D. Preliminary research has not revealed any association between the building and events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history (Criterion A) or the lives of persons significant in our past (Criterion B). Although the building provides an example of vernacular rural architecture, it is neither unusual nor distinguished; it does not represent the work of a master or display high artistic merit (Criterion C). There is no evidence that the property is likely to yield information important in history or prehistory (Criterion D). Thus, the property is not National Register-eligible.

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Eligibility recommended _____ Not Recommended X

Comments:

Review, OPS: [Signature] Date: 11/1/99

Reviewer, NR Program: _____ Date: _____

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Development Period (s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance (1870-1930)
Modern Period (1930-present)

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):

Architecture, Landscape, and
Community Planning

RESOURCE TYPE(S)

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function (s): DOMESTIC/Single Dwelling

Known Design Source: Unknown

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Chain of Title:

Parcel 1

June 18, 1892 Sarah A. Thomas (deceased) to Sarah Fermita Brady, Jones McKensie Thomas, Maria Louisa Aurelia Thomas, and John William Thomas
Will Records of Prince George's County
Liber JWP 1 Folio 72

April 25, 1906 George A. and Sarah Fermita Brady, and James McKensie Thomas and Sarah I Thomas to Maria Louisa Aurelia Thomas
Land Records of Prince George's County
Liber 30 Folio 52

December 21, 1916: Maria Louisa Aurelia and James Edward Tucker to Edna Scaggs and W. Reed Rawlings
Land Records of Prince George's County
Liber 124 Folio 22

December 28, 1917: Edna Scaggs and W. Reed Rawlings to Charles O.C. and Pearl V. Rawlings
Land Records of Prince George's County
Liber 129 Folio 383

Parcel 2

March 22, 1915: Mary E. Frye to Pearl V. Rawlings
Land Records of Prince George's County
Liber 102 Folio 299

June 27, 1924: Pearl V. and Charles O.C. Rawlings to John T. Rawlings
Land Records of Prince George's County
Liber 218 Folio 249

June 27, 1924: John T. Rawlings to Charles O.C. and Pearl V. Rawlings
Land Records of Prince George's County
Liber 218 Folio 251

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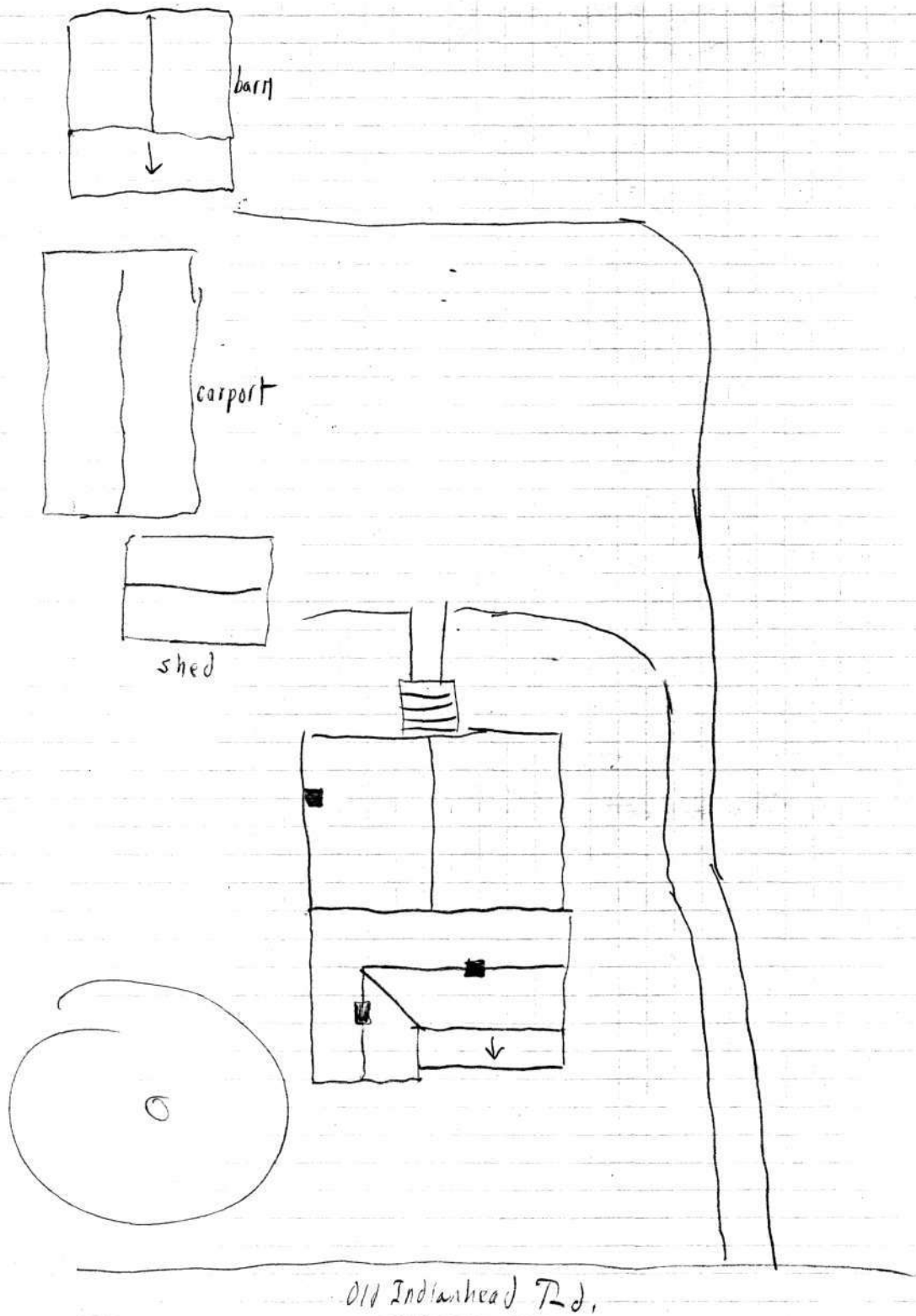
Parcels 1 and 2

February 9, 1933: Charles O.C. and Pearl V. Rawlings to Harold M.
and Corinne E. Bower
Land Records of Prince George's County
Liber 391 Folio 303

December 31, 1943: Harold M. and Corrine E. Bower to John and Cora
E. Proctor
Land Records of Prince George's County
Liber 731 Folio 25

March 3, 1954: Cora E. Proctor to George H. and Mary M. Savoy
Land Records of Prince George's County
Liber 1705 Folio 101

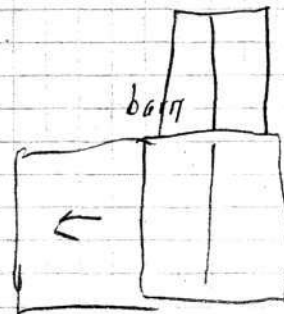
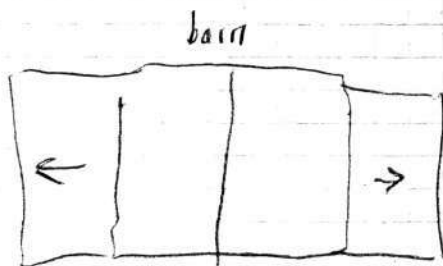
September 6, 1984: Joseph L. Savoy, executor of the estate of
George H. Savoy, to Joseph O. and Monica E.
Harley
Land Records of Prince George's County
Liber 5964 Folio 715



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west elevation
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TRACERIES
JUNE 1999
MD SHPD

South elevation

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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD
TRAZERIES

JUNE 1999

MD SAPO

east elevation

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TRACERIES

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MD SHPD

north elevation

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PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD
TRAZERIES
JUNE 1999
MD SHPO
barns, looking east
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